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## United States Wage Rates Up 3 Percent

There were 1,129,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches the week of October 9-15, 2005, down 4 percent from a year ago. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$9.61 per hour during the October 2005 survey week, up 29 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.90 per hour, up 28 cents from last October. Livestock workers earned \$9.14 per hour compared with \$8.91 a year earlier. The Field and Livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$8.96 per hour, was up 27 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 42.0 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 4 percent from a year ago.

### Farm Labor: Employment and Wage Rates, United States, October 9-15, 2005 with Comparisons

Farm Employment	October 10-16, 2004	July 10-16, 2005	October 9-15, 2005
	1,000		
Hired Workers	851	936 *	840
150 Days or More	606	662 *	620
149 Days or Less	245	274	220
Agricultural Services			
Workers Working on Farms	324	408 *	289
Hired Farm & Service Workers	1,175	1,344 *	1,129
	Hours Per Week		
Hours Worked, Hired Workers	40.5	40.6	42.0
	Dollars Per Hour		
Wage Rate for			
All Hired Workers <sup>2,3</sup>	9.32	9.38 *	9.61
Field & Livestock Combined	8.69	8.78	8.96
Field	8.62	8.61 *	8.90
Livestock	8.91	9.26 *	9.14

\* Revised.

<sup>1</sup> Excludes AK.

<sup>2</sup> Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided to some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates.

<sup>3</sup> Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

**Hired Workers: Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers,  
by Region and United States, October 9-15, 2005 <sup>1</sup>**

United States and Region	Type of Worker			Wage Rates for All Hired Workers
	Field	Livestock	Field & Livestock Combined	
Dollars Per Hour				
Northeast I	9.42	9.42	9.42	10.19
Northeast II	9.21	8.62	9.09	10.00
Appalachian I	8.17	8.91	8.43	8.89
Appalachian II	8.48	8.26	8.40	9.03
Southeast	8.51	8.86	8.60	9.05
Florida	8.60	8.45	8.58	9.33
Lake	9.96	9.49	9.80	10.35
Cornbelt I	9.88	8.68	9.57	10.10
Cornbelt II	9.21	10.89	10.02	11.16
<b>Delta</b>	<b>7.04</b>	<b>7.95</b>	<b>7.26</b>	<b>7.70</b>
Northern Plains	10.14	9.37	9.86	10.12
Southern Plains	7.60	7.84	7.68	8.38
Mountain I	8.26	9.27	8.55	8.91
Mountain II	7.94	8.39	8.14	8.75
Mountain III	7.27	8.87	7.67	8.28
Pacific	8.96	9.58	9.00	9.62
California	9.21	10.40	9.36	10.12
Hawaii <sup>2</sup>	10.10		10.18	11.73
United States <sup>3</sup>	8.90	9.14	8.96	9.61

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

<sup>2</sup> Insufficient data for livestock.

<sup>3</sup> Excludes AK.

**All Hired Workers: Number and Hours Worked, by Selected States, Region  
and United States, October 9-15, 2005 <sup>1</sup>**

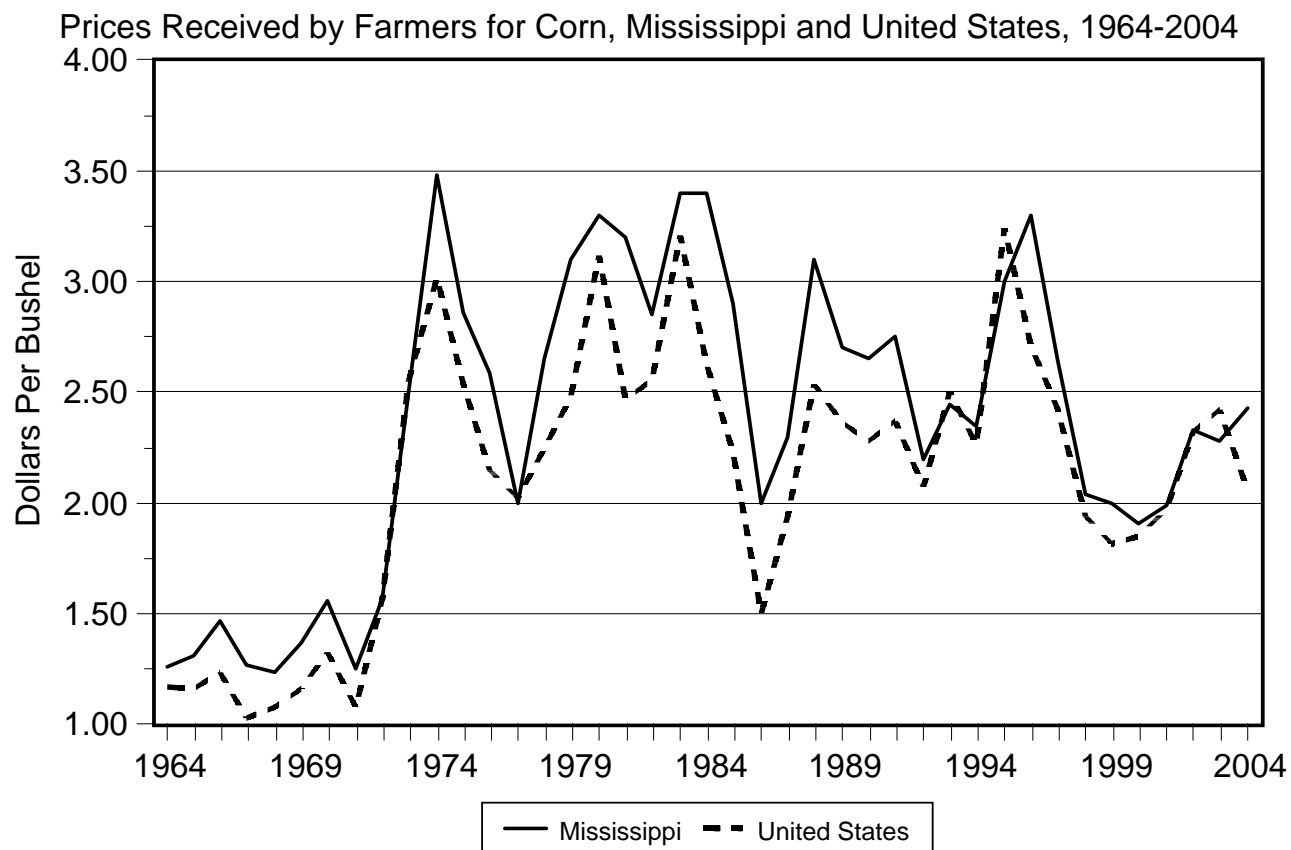
United States and Region	Number of Workers	Expected to be Employed		Number of Hours Worked
		150 Days or More <sup>2</sup>	149 Days of Less <sup>2</sup>	
		1,000		Hours Per Week
Southeast	37	29	8	37.0
Florida	42	37	5	39.4
<b>Delta</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>42.2</b>
Northern Plains	35	25	10	44.4
Southern Plains	64	51	13	39.1
Pacific	76	47	29	43.1
California	181	145	36	44.7
Hawaii	7	6	1	39.7
United States <sup>2</sup>	840	620	220	42.0

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes AK.

**Cotton Ginnings: Running Bales Ginned (Excluding Linters) Prior to  
November 15, by Crop, State, and United States, Crop Years 2002-2005**

Crop and State	Running Bales Ginned			
	2002	2003	2004	2005
All Cotton				
Alabama	334,950	452,000	517,150	494,350
Arizona	305,350	215,850	281,800	219,700
Arkansas	1,253,350	1,340,700	1,408,650	1,792,600
California	954,850	737,550	1,071,600	710,850
Florida	30,550	71,000	58,650	44,800
Georgia	733,250	987,400	1,084,000	976,150
Louisiana	582,700	973,750	773,100	1,081,550
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>1,359,450</b>	<b>1,808,200</b>	<b>1,846,750</b>	<b>1,916,000</b>
Missouri	432,900	443,550	539,600	706,250
New Mexico	20,250	25,200	19,400	23,950
North Carolina	416,300	460,900	833,950	689,900
Oklahoma	85,350	77,800	103,200	99,350
South Carolina	56,950	137,400	235,400	169,200
Tennessee	555,450	577,000	622,750	773,600
Texas	2,096,050	2,151,750	2,539,350	2,804,700
Virginia	47,250	46,950	83,350	80,150
United States	9,264,950	10,507,000	12,018,700	12,583,100



## United States Catfish: Sales, Average Prices and Ending Inventory, October 2004-2005

Item	Sales Volume		Average Price		Ending Inventory	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Pounds		Dollars Per Pound		1,000 Pounds	
Fresh						
Whole Fish	3,076	2,546	1.59	1.63	151	192
Fillets <sup>1</sup>	4,992	5,072	2.76	2.84	490	566
Other <sup>2</sup>	1,263	1,121	1.72	1.65	109	139
Total Fresh	9,331	8,739	2.23	2.34	750	897
Frozen						
Whole Fish	1,128	1,068	1.88	2.00	577	538
Fillets <sup>1</sup>	10,717	10,917	2.60	2.66	9,239	7,674
Other <sup>2</sup>	4,687	5,180	1.38	1.38	2,203	2,348
Total Frozen	16,532	17,165	2.21	2.23	12,019	10,560
Total Fresh & Frozen	25,863	25,904	2.22	2.27	12,769	11,457

<sup>1</sup> Includes regular, shank, and strip fillets; excluding any breaded products.

<sup>2</sup> Includes all products and not already reported including weight of breading and added ingredients.

## United States Farm-Raised Catfish: Quantity Processed, Prices Paid to Producers by Major Processors, and United States Imports, 2004-2005

Month	Round Weight Processed				Price Paid Pound <sup>1</sup>		Imports of Catfish <sup>2</sup>	
	Monthly		Cumulative					
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Pounds				Dollars		1,000 Pounds	
January	53,849	53,856	53,849	53,856	.668	.725	215	1,383
February	54,173	51,720	108,022	105,576	.703	.731	204	1,230
March	60,272	57,117	168,294	162,693	.723	.733	295	1,161
April	53,896	50,306	222,190	212,999	.728	.725	328	2,198
May	52,324	51,552	274,514	264,551	.720	.722	248	2,695
June	50,155	49,626	324,669	314,177	.689	.721	270	2,538
July	51,055	47,241	375,724	361,418	.682	.723	123	2,048
August	53,295	50,686	429,019	412,104	.683	.724	1,637	2,684
September	51,329	47,151	480,348	459,255	.683	.724	1,801	2,219
October	52,396	49,034	532,744	508,289	.695	.724	1,104	
November	49,536		582,280		.689		1,579	
December	48,170		630,450		.690		1,420	

<sup>1</sup> Price for fish delivered to processing plant door. Price includes charges for any services provided by the processing plant, such as seining and hauling, but does not include adjustments based on year-end settlements.

<sup>2</sup> Pounds of frozen boneless fillets. Includes Ictalurus, Pangasius and Siluriformes catfish. Data furnished by U.S. Bureau of Census.

## Chicken Eggs in Incubators, by Region and United States, November 1, 2004-2005

Region	Broiler-type			Egg-type		
	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
North Atlantic	12,296	11,403	93	6,694	5,654	84
East North Central	8,582	8,414	98	7,697	6,476	84
West North Central	20,027	20,590	103	8,097	7,272	90
South Atlantic	222,404	228,836	103	3,757	3,392	90
South Central	320,217	329,506	103	5,904	5,591	95
West	24,275	25,189	104	5,205	4,696	90
United States	607,801	623,938	103	37,354	33,081	89

## October Layers and Egg Production, by Selected States and United States, 2004-2005

State	All Layers on Hand <sup>1</sup>		Table Eggs <sup>2</sup>		Hatching Eggs <sup>2</sup>	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000		Million Eggs		Million Eggs	
Alabama	9,233	9,120	44	39	135	134
Arkansas	15,375	14,790	114	106	184	191
Florida	11,202	11,526	251	262	7	8
Georgia	20,323	19,081	263	237	172	177
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>7,007</b>	<b>6,871</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>97</b>
North Carolina	10,826	10,832	83	85	131	135
Oklahoma	4,016	3,823	45	45	34	34
South Carolina	5,222	5,037	95	90	20	21
Virginia	3,163	3,394	33	34	35	38
United States	345,056	344,043	6,569	6,599	1,090	1,104

<sup>1</sup> Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

<sup>2</sup> Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations.

October Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched,  
by Selected States and United States, 2004-2005

State	October			January-October		
	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
Alabama	106,358	111,950	105	1,095,400	1,119,208	102
Arkansas	108,403	109,617	101	1,125,194	1,113,570	99
Florida	4,933	5,109	104	48,767	49,056	101
Georgia	115,525	119,293	103	1,191,124	1,202,083	101
Kentucky	23,912	24,531	103	252,642	254,594	101
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>69,188</b>	<b>66,023</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>714,273</b>	<b>695,493</b>	<b>97</b>
North Carolina	63,039	64,131	102	654,774	658,801	101
Texas	53,247	52,051	98	544,827	548,183	101
United States	756,895	776,333	103	7,809,808	7,917,705	101

**Commercial Red Meat Production, by Selected States and United States,  
November 2005 with Comparisons <sup>1</sup>**

State	October 2004	September 2005	October 2005	October 2005 as Percent of <sup>2</sup>	
				October 2004	September 2005
Million Pounds			Percent		
Alabama	2.9	2.8	2.6	89	94
Arkansas	4.9	5.0	5.2	108	106
Florida	4.7	4.8	4.5	97	94
Georgia	15.9	12.4	12.5	79	101
Kentucky	41.2	42.7	43.3	105	102
Louisiana	1.1	0.8	1.2	104	152
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>24.3</b>	<b>26.1</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>108</b>
Missouri	43.1	40.0	42.6	99	106
North Carolina	190.0	176.9	189.6	100	107
Oklahoma	89.1	85.3	93.5	105	110
South Carolina	21.0	19.9	20.9	100	105
Tennessee	18.3	20.8	21.5	117	103
Texas	386.6	407.8	400.8	104	98
United States	3,921.1	3,932.8	3,925.1	100	100

\* Revised.

<sup>1</sup> Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

<sup>2</sup> Percentages based on unrounded data.

**Corn: Marketing Year Average Prices Received,  
by Selected States and United States, 2001-2004**

State	2001	2002	2003	2004
Dollars Per Bushel				
Alabama	2.35	2.72	2.36	2.48
Arkansas	2.02	2.43	2.37	2.39
Georgia	2.32	2.70	2.45	2.20
Kentucky	2.08	2.58	2.53	2.24
Louisiana	2.20	2.40	2.40	2.45
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>1.99</b>	<b>2.33</b>	<b>2.28</b>	<b>2.43</b>
Missouri	1.96	2.45	2.46	2.03
North Carolina	2.36	2.89	2.68	2.44
Oklahoma	2.10	2.45	2.60	2.53
South Carolina	2.20	2.70	2.70	2.30
Tennessee	2.06	2.58	2.37	2.17
Texas	2.29	2.57	2.59	2.60
Virginia	2.14	2.73	2.57	2.17
United States	1.97	2.32	2.42	2.06

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,  
by Selected States and United States, September-October 2005**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
Alabama	92,801	93,070	492,137	505,396	5.30	5.43
Arkansas	97,140	99,994	516,313	538,725	5.32	5.39
Georgia	107,591	104,729	555,083	545,808	5.16	5.21
Kentucky	24,051	23,501	131,879	131,952	5.48	5.61
Louisiana	17,164	17,174	97,117	97,452	5.66	5.67
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>65,950</b>	<b>63,437</b>	<b>371,843</b>	<b>369,413</b>	<b>5.64</b>	<b>5.82</b>
Missouri	35,579	35,370	165,517	167,144	4.65	4.73
North Carolina	57,853	55,776	377,287	372,256	6.52	6.67
South Carolina	22,045	22,796	130,728	138,418	5.93	6.07
Tennessee	22,671	23,273	117,798	118,202	5.20	5.08
Texas	54,000	56,738	278,195	301,228	5.15	5.31
Virginia	27,593	25,599	141,623	135,876	5.13	5.31
United States	750,054	744,580	4,054,271	4,098,221	5.41	5.50

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,  
by Selected States and United States, September-October 2005**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N. Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	1,000 Pounds		Percent			
Alabama	367,608	377,464	4,297	4,429	0.97	0.97
Arkansas	382,423	397,691	4,558	4,481	0.98	0.92
Georgia	412,327	405,093	3,102	3,056	0.62	0.62
Kentucky	96,631	96,630	706	747	0.59	0.63
Louisiana	70,991	70,814	827	539	0.95	0.62
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>280,261</b>	<b>276,530</b>	<b>3,318</b>	<b>2,993</b>	<b>0.99</b>	<b>0.90</b>
Missouri	121,837	123,179	1,111	1,109	0.75	0.74
North Carolina	289,087	284,785	3,648	3,384	1.07	1.01
South Carolina	97,902	103,504	658	665	0.56	0.53
Tennessee	85,656	85,948	1,101	1,114	1.04	1.05
Texas	213,590	232,916	2,016	2,074	0.81	0.76
Virginia	99,694	95,176	884	850	0.69	0.70
United States	3,011,119	3,040,591	33,083	32,251	0.91	0.87

<sup>1</sup> Ready-to-cook weights.

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as percent of equivalent N.Y. dressed weight of quantity inspected.

## Mississippi and United States Price Highlights, November 2005 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	November 2004 Entire Month		October 2005 Entire Month		November 2005 Mid-Month	
		MS	US	MS	US	MS	US
Dollars							
Corn	bu	---	2.05	---	1.82	---	1.79
Cotton, Upland	lb	.479	.432	.499	.485	.496 <sup>1</sup>	.482 <sup>1</sup>
Sorghum, grain	cwt	---	3.06	---	2.99	---	2.81
Soybeans	bu	5.56	5.36	5.74	5.67	5.76	5.68
Winter Wheat	bu	---	3.39	---	3.33	---	3.25
Rice, Rough	cwt	---	7.36	---	6.94	---	7.34
All Milk	cwt	---	16.20	---	15.50	---	15.10
Fluid	cwt	---	16.20	---	15.50	---	15.10
Manufacturing	cwt	---	15.90	---	14.90	---	14.20
All Beef Cattle	cwt	---	85.40	---	91.10	---	91.60
Cows	cwt	---	48.70	---	46.60	---	45.80
Calves	cwt	---	123.00	---	134.00	---	132.00
Steers & Heifers	cwt	---	90.20	---	96.60	---	97.40
All Hogs	cwt	---	55.60	---	47.00	---	44.70
Barrows & Gilts	cwt	---	56.10	---	47.30	---	45.00
Sows	cwt	---	45.20	---	41.70	---	37.70
Broilers, Live	lb	---	.390 <sup>2</sup>	---	.430 <sup>2</sup>	---	.420
Market Eggs	doz	.460 <sup>2</sup>	.437 <sup>2</sup>	.290 <sup>2</sup>	.314 <sup>2</sup>	.495	.482

--- Estimates not made.

<sup>1</sup> Based on sales during the first half of the month.<sup>2</sup> Mid-month prices.